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SUBJ: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF JOINT WORKING
GROUPS IN CAIRO

REF: STATE 230824

TEL AVIV FOR: HAINES AND RICHARDSON

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES SCHEDULING PROBLEMS MENTIONED
REFTEL REGARDING MEETINGS OF ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC
JOINT WORKING GROUPS. WE ARE PREPARED TO GO THROUGH
WITH ORIGINAL SCHEDULE (ECONOMIC JWG NOVEMBER 3-5,
SCIENCE NOVEMBER 3-4) PROVIDING SECRETARY DOES NOT
VISIT CAIRO NOVEMBER 3 OR 4. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE,
SECRETARY'S VISITS REQUIRE TOTAL INVOLVEMENT OF
OUR LIMITED STAFF. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE
FOR US SUPPORT JWG MEETINGS AT SAME TIME AS
SECRETARY'S VISIT, NOR COULD THERE BE ANY EMBASSY
PARTICIPATION IN THEM. IN SUCH A CASE WE WOULD
HAVE TO RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT.

2. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR SCALING DOWN OF REQUIREMENTS
AS MENTIONED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL. WE PLAN
TO SET UP OFFICES FOR ALL JWG'S IN OFFICE BUILDING
ADJACENT TO CHANCERY IN EMBASSY COMPOUND WHERE WE
HAVE RECENTLY REFURBISHED A SUITE OF OFFICES
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FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE EXPECT THAT BETTY ASHLEY, AID

SECRETARY, MENTIONED PARA 4 WILL MAN THIS JWG CENTER FROM DATE OF HER ARRIVAL UNTIL COMPLETION JWG MEETINGS.

3. RE REQUIREMENTS MENTIONED PARA 5 REFTTEL, WE CAN PROVIDE THESE SERVICES EXCEPT FOR 24-HOUR MARINE SECURITY GUARD PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AT SHERATON HOTEL. IF FULL COVERAGE IS MANDATORY, DEPT WILL NEED TO SUPPLEMENT EMBASSY MSG COMPLEMENT ON TDY BASIS WITH THREE MARINES TO MAN THIS ADDITIONAL POST. PRESENT MARINE COMPLEMENT NOW STANDING 24-HOUR DUTY AT TWO POSTS. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY MSG IS NOT AT FULL STRENGTH AND EACH MARINE ALREADY HAS MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENT OF 50 HOURS PER WEEK.

4. WE ARE ATTEMPTING ASCERTAIN EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS AND/OR PROPOSED SCHEDULES FOR JWGS ON S&T AND ON JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT AND ITS REVIVAL SUBGROUPS. WE WILL ADVISE THESE DETAILS AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN.

5. WE WISH TO INVITE ATTENTION TO CAIRO 8268 SETTING FORTH SOME STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO INSURE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND FOLLOW-UP OF JWG MEETING.
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